

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-23 are now pending in the application. Applicant has corrected the claims to include the proper status identifiers, thereby bringing the application into compliance. No new amendments have been made to the claims. Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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